

Frequently Asked Continuing Education Questions

1. Does your Board require Continuing Education for renewal?

A. Yes. Each licensee is required to obtain at least 30 hours each biennial renewal period or meet one of the exemptions for continuing education.

49-606. Exemptions.

A licensee may be exempt from the professional development educational requirements for one or more of the following reasons:

A. New licensees by way of examination or comity shall be exempt for their first renewal period.

B. A licensee serving on temporary active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days in a year shall be exempt from obtaining the professional development hours required during that year.

C. Licensees experiencing physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstances as reviewed and approved by the Board may be exempt. Supporting documentation must be furnished with any such exemption request made to the Board.

D. Licensees who list their occupation as "Retired" on the Board approved renewal form and who further certify that they are no longer receiving any remuneration from providing professional engineering or surveying services shall be exempt from requirements for professional development hours. In the event such a person elects to return to the active practice of professional engineering or surveying, professional development hours must be earned, before returning, for each year exempted, not to exceed the requirement for two years.

2. What are the continuing education requirements for the 2022 renewal?

A. Each licensee is required to obtain at least 30 hours between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022.

3. What if I exceed the 30-hour requirement for continuing education in this period of time?

A. A maximum of 15 hours may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period.

4. Is the XYZ class that I took from XYZ Continuing Education Company approved by the Board?

A. The Board does not pre-approve courses or sponsoring organizations. Continuing professional competency that enhances the professional attributes of the licensee will be considered by the Board. Any qualifying course or activity with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice will be considered by the Board. Courses accepted by other states that meet the criteria of the SC Board will be generally accepted for credit. Should a course credit be denied, the licensee will be allowed a twelve month period to make up deficiencies.

5. Can I contact the Board to find out how many continuing education credits or carry-over credits I have on record?

A. No. It is your responsibility to maintain records used to support credits you claimed.

6. Do I have to mail any Continuing Education documentation to the Board?

A. Please do not send certificates/documentation unless we notify you that you have been selected for audit after a renewal period.

7. This is my first renewal. Am I exempt from the continuing education requirement?

A. You are exempt from CE requirements in June 2022 if your registration number is **37804** or higher but you must still pay the renewal fee. All individuals renewing a license must pay the renewal fee. Fees are not waived for first time registrants, armed forces or physical disability.

8. I have been serving on active military duty in the armed forces of the United States. Am I exempt from the continuing education requirement?

A. Yes, Individuals serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States are exempt from continuing education requirements and the renewal fee. When completing the renewal form, you will need to provide documentation of your active duty status.

9. I have a physical disability. Am I exempt from the continuing education requirement?

A. Licensees experiencing a physical disability, illness or other extenuating circumstances may be exempt from the continuing education requirements. You are required to submit a statement of explanation, a statement from a currently licensed physician or medical records as evidence that the disability prevented participation in continuing education courses. You will not be able to renew online, so please contact the Board's office by mail or email contact.engls@llr.sc.gov to request a paper renewal form be mailed to you.

10. I have been continuously licensed in South Carolina since January 1, 1969. Am I exempt from the continuing education requirement?

A. Licensees continuously licensed by the SC Board prior to January 1, 1969 will be exempt from the continuing education requirements. If you think you may qualify for this exemption but you are not sure of the original issue date of your SC license, visit [Licensee Lookup](#).

11. I qualify for the continuing education exemption because I have been continuously licensed in South Carolina since January 1, 1969. Do I still owe the renewal fee?

A. Yes. You must still renew and pay the renewal fee.